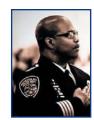
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POLICING IN THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE



Ladies and Gentlemen,

At our upcoming promotion ceremony, we will be congratulating the following individuals who have earned the distinction of being promoted and/or sworn-in to the next level in the Rochester Police Department:

TO THE RANK OF DEPUTY CHIEF:

Michael Wood
Michael Ciminelli

TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN:

Anthony McMullen Raymond Dearcop Wayne Harris H. Wilson Johnson

TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT:

Jeremy Anzalone Ronald Bryant Charles Gorman Michael Jones Joseph Hayes Michael Perkowski

TO THE RANK OF SERGEANT:

James Ingerick
Kara Anglin
Daniel Brochu
Corey Clark
Rene Cruz
Michael Horn
Jon Rivers
Mitchell Stewart
Mandi Wheeler
John Drew
Laszlo Tordai

In addition, Officer David J. Williams and Officer Anthony Bongiovanni were promoted to the rank of Sergeant on October 21, 2011.

I encourage all to attend and support our men and women as they take the next step in their professional careers on December 16, 2011 3:00PM, at the George Eastman House, Dryden Theater.

This is an exciting time for the Rochester Police Department. With over twenty individuals being promoted, it represents approximately 16% of the Department's supervisory positions. I expect that these fine individuals will help shape the future of this Department for many years to come by providing effective stewardship and leadership for this organization.

While it is an outstanding opportunity for the Department to promote so many new people, it also presents certain challenges for these individuals and the Department as a whole. We must embrace Policing as a People Business, and ensure that we Police in the Spirit of Service. I am confident that we are all up for whatever challenges that may be presented to us, because we have an excellent organization made up of many outstanding individuals.

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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS PARTICIPATE AT CAMP GOOD DAYS

This past summer, each of the School Resource Officers spent a week at Camp Good Days and Special Times. Camp Good Days and Special Times provides programs and sevices free of charge to its participants. The camp is held at it's recreational facility on 13 ½ acres of waterfront property, on the shores of Keuka Lake in the village of Branchport.

The camp serves youth campers from 22 states and 26 foreign countries. The services the camp is able to provide enrich the lives of the children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer and other life challenges. It is partially due to vouInteers that the camp is able to provide the premier services for these youth.

The SROs participated in five of the seven camps as follows: "Doing a World of Good 1 & 2", a program for children with cancer from around, ages 8-12 with cancer or sickle cell anemia; "Camp USA", children ages 8-17 who have a parent or sibling who has been diagnosed with cancer or sickle cell anemia, and actively undergoing treatment; "Camp B&ST", children 8-17 who have lost a parent or sibling within the past three years to cancer or sickle cell anemia; and "RCSD Leadership Camp", for children from the Rochester City School District who will be making the transition from elementary school to middle school. The officers made a great impact on the campers experience and they were greatly impacted by the experience as well. It was a summer that neither the SROs nor the campers will soon forget.



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HAY, HERE COME THE HORSES!



On Wednesday November 9, 2011 at Centerpointe Stables (1475 Penfield Center Rd.), the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office had a graduation ceremony for officers and their horses from the mounted divisions. The ceremony included formations and displays of some of the newly learned skills.

The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services Mounted Police Officer Training course covers a broad spectrum of duties related to the mounted police officer including but not limited to, equitation training, crowd control, public relations, arrest procedures and search and rescue.

In addition, there is a great deal of training regarding the care and cleaning of the horses, proper maintenance of the stable, medical issues and emergency first aid for the horses.

This nearly three month long training was an excellent opportunity to train with other mounted patrol units throughout the region so that all mounted officers have the same basic training. Often times, RPD's mounted unit works in conjunction with both the Monroe County Sheriff's Mounted Patrol and the Livingston County Mounted Patrol in parades, crowd control and search and rescue.

RPD Mounted Unit:

- 1) Officer Scott Wehr rides police horse "Raffi"
- 2) Officer Graham P. Hyland rides police horse "Sully"
- 3) Officer Eric Smith rides police horse "Nino"
- 4) Officer Joanne Woodworth rides police horse "Abe"
- 5) Officer Don Flood rides police horse "Jed"
- 6) Officer Don Urbanczyck rides police horse "Comet"



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RPD PISTOL CLUB

The Rochester Police Pistol club's earliest traceable form is a photo from 1931 that shows eleven members of the RPD Pistol Team at the National Matches at Camp Perry in Ohio. Each year, the pistol club helps to support RPD officers who compete in handgun, shotgun, and rifle matches. An annual RPD match began in 1979 and started the tradition of the Chief's Trophy. The match has been held annually for the last 25 consecutive years. In those years, the winning units of the Chief's trophy were: Genesee Section/West Division 12 times, Clinton Sect./Highland Sect./East Division five times, Training/PDS five times, Retirees two times, and the Tactical Unit/SOD one time.

The benefit for fallen officers part of the match was added in 1991 by then President Charles Laffin. Over the past 20 years, more than \$34,000 has been raised to help the families of fallen and injured officers throughout the Western and Central New York area as well as charities such as Concerns of Police Survivors and the Center for Missing Children. The most recent was the annual Benefit Match which was held on November 5, 2011.



Officer Jason Baird prepares a target.

This year's match saw sixty-seven participants from twenty different agencies. Sadly, it was lightly attended by RPD personnel. Maybe that's because there are some misconceptions about the match itself. First and foremost, it's a Benefit Match. Eleven months of the year, Pistol Club is about improving marksmanship skill, but the first weekend of November is reserved for thinking about others. Each year, pistol club members select beneficiaries for the match. Beneficiaries are typically law enforcement officers who have been injured or the families of officers who have been killed during the past twelve months.

Some officers might think the match is not for them because they don't believe they are ready for competition. The truth is if you can complete the in-service training qualification course, you can do well at the Benefit match. The match employs the Lewis System of scoring. Basically, if thirty one people participate in the match all the participants will be divided equally into three classes: A, B, and C class. The top shooter is the match winner; Top Gun. The rest of the group is equally divided into thirds. Shooters 2, 3, and

4 win the medals for A Class Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Shooters 12, 13, and 14 win the B Class Gold, Silver, and Bronze, and shooters 22, 23, and 24 win C Class Gold, Silver, and Bronze. It's possible to shoot a 'bad score' and still win medals.

Many people seem to feel the Benefit Match is only for the top shooters in the department. That is simply not true. Roy Adams always says, "You're only shooting against those people at your level." For instance, the C Class gold medal winner at this year's match scored 345 out of 500 points possible (only 69%). All of you have to shoot a 75% score on the in-service qualifier to pass. Here we just might reward you with a gold medal and a nice gift from the prize table!

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This year's Benefit Match provided the following:

- 1. A check for \$1000 was presented to the family of the late Sgt. Bill Mahoney, RPD.
- 2. A check for \$1000 was presented to Deputy Alan Gerhardt of the Niagara County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Gerhardt lost both his legs in a MVA which occurred on duty.
- 3. A gift to charity will be presented in the memory of Deputy Kathleen DeJoy of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Jail Bureau.



Officers Dan Carlson and Roy Adams present award to the family of Sgt. Bill Mahoney.

The following individuals won medals:

Top Gun and High Military Gold - Dan Dudziak, NYS Army National Guard

A Class Gold and High Military Silver - Paul Hansen, US Army (Ret)

A Class Silver and High Military Bronze - Roger Rebman, US Coast Guard

A Class Bronze - Patrick Steiner, RPD Patrol East

B Class Gold - Brian Wills, Oswego County Sheriff's Office

B Class Silver - Steve Mowers, NY State Police

B Class Bronze - Dan Cordell, NYS DEC

C Class Gold – Stanley Neu, Elmira PD (Ret)

C Class Silver - Chris Kamas II, NYS Dept of Corrections

C Class Bronze – Chris Kamas, Elmira PD (Ret)

Two Person Team medals awarded:

Gold - Pat Steiner and Chris Renz RPD, Patrol East

Silver – William Bresser and David Townsend, Elmira PD

Bronze - Dan Dudziak and Derrick Banning, NYS National Guard



Officer Warren Jones inspects a target.

RPD Chief's Trophy (Top Four person RPD team) was awarded to the Patrol East Division team of Patrick Steiner, Chris Renz, Kevin Leckinger and Jason Leckinger.

Finally the Top Regional Team trophy went to the NY National Guard team of Dan Dudziak, Derrick Banning, Chad Hyatt, and Warren Jones.

Thank you's are due to: Officer Allison Gilday for her hard work and tireless efforts as the club secretary/treasurer; to Officer Warren Jones (Vice President) for acting as Range Safety Officer for the day; to Mr. Dave Jones (Warren's dad) who acts as official scorekeeper, and to Officer Roy Adams as the Match Director/Rangemaster.

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CHIEF SHEPPARD COMMENTS ON PIO TRAINING SCHOOL RESULTS

In September of 2011, our Public Information Officer, Stephen Scott, attended a public information officer's training course entitled, Public Safety Media Training, conducted at the Westchester County Police Academy just outside of New York City. The course was considered to be an advanced level curriculum for law enforcement public information officers.

Over the course of his two day training, Officer Scott had the opportunity to dissect news conferences of actual high profile cases, and role-play breaking news simulations. The course helped Officer Scott to further develop and refine his communications skills, from body language to choice of words and phrases. For on-camera skills training, the course attendees were filmed with a full size studio camera and were shown how to recognize their weak points and how to build upon their strengths. Officer Scott learned how to efficiently prepare and run a news conference and how to more effectively pitch story ideas to media outlets.

Officer Scott revealed to me that the most informative portion of the training, however, was the critiquing of individual press conferences. Each student was given an actual high profile event and instructed to organize,

coordinate, and hold a press conference. The press conference was filmed and then constructively critiqued by the classmates and the instructors. In Officer Scott's scenario, he portrayed New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Although all of Officer Scott's classmates were police officers from all over New York State, including chiefs of police, detectives and others of varying ranks, he was the only officer whose sole responsibility is that of department spokesperson.

Theoretically, most anyone could do Officer Scott's job, however, it is his training and specialization in his job of media communications that



Officer Steve Scott with the media.

allows him to excel. As you all know, one of my core philosophies is leadership and professional development. The training that Officer Scott received is the type of training that provides not only knowledge and confidence, but credibility.

As you move through your careers, I strongly urge you to actively search for ways in which you can enhance your own professional development, either through training opportunities or by finishing that degree program you may have been procrastinating about.

I believe that life is a journey, and while we may not all be on the same journey, we should help ourselves along it by continuing to acquire as much knowledge and as many skills as we can. Striving to continually improve upon what we already know is a key component to progress. Progress is key to continued success.



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NEWS BRIEFS:

ROCHESTER YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM MAKES IT TO PLAYOFFS, THANKS TO RPD EMPLOYEES

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Rochester Hurricanes football teams. Thanks to your generosity, all of the kids on both teams were able to go to New Jersey and play in the playoff game on November 12th.

The teams were comprised of youths, ages 8-10, many of whom came from struggling families. They beat the odds and made it to the playoffs despite predictions that they wouldn't make it.



Although the teams didn't win (they were defeated by teams from Philadelphia), the boys played their hearts out and had an incredible experience. The coaches, players and their families are very grateful for the support they received from the RPD. Thank you very much!

KUDOS FROM THE COMMUNITY:

The following was posted in the editorial section of the Tuesday, Nov. 14th edition of the Democrat & Chronicle:

"Rochester Police Made Our Visit a Pleasant One"

I recently attended the 'Women of Faith' conference at the Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester Community War Memorial. It was a fantastic event. The arena is a beautiful facility and did a terrific job hosting it. However, it is the Rochester city police that I'd like to thank.

The officers that directed the traffic around the arena did not have an easy job. Eight thousand women attended the conference; many of us were so happy to be out of the house for two days that we acted like giddy teenagers! There were also those, including my friend, who had never driven in Rochester and were unfamiliar with the streets and traffic patterns. Your city police were great. They were friendly, patient and helpful giving directions. So, thank you, officers, for taking such good care of us and doing your job so well during our visit to Rochester.

Vicki Cammer, Weedsport, Cayuga County



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A TRIBUTE TO HARRIETT DUMACK (VERHUNCE)



Harriett Dumack (VerHunce)

Dedicated volunteer for the "Do The Right Thing" Program

In the fall of 1997 Harriett Dumack (VerHunce) was walking through Midtown Plaza and spotted Sgt. Cheryl Franks promoting the "Do The Right Thing" Program. After some discussion Harriett signed up to volunteer, and she continued until July 2010 when she retired.

Harriett Dumack was a witty, young (at heart) woman who dedicated herself to serving the youth of the City of Rochester. She took her job at "Do The Right Thing" seriously and was committed to the task at hand. She took pride in contributing to the organization's success. Harriett did not drive and would not let anyone go out of their way to give her a ride. She quite possibly kept RTS in business because that was her mode of transportation. She made her way through rain, sleet and snow and she never complained. Harriett cared about people and would give you the shirt off of her back if she felt that you needed it. She was kind, respectful, motherly and a positive force.

Harriett had a passion for children and loved the members of the Rochester Police Department. She was generous, thinking of her "co-workers" on holidays, bringing gifts and candy. Through the many changes to the staffing at the "Do The Right Thing" Office, Harriett remained that one constant force. Even after retiring, Harriett kept in touch.

Harriett passed away on 11/18/11. She was 83 years young. She is missed dearly.

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| Jeremy Millspaugh12/1 |
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| Steven Savitcheff12/1 |
| Donald T. Manfredi12/2 |
| Thomas F. Donovan12/3 |
| Sheila M. Bazil12/4 |
| Rafael Rivera12/4 |
| Victoria Deleon12/5 |
| Ronald J. Lodar12/5 |
| Richard V. Martin12/5 |
| Destiny Deterville12/6 |
| Catherine M. Reed12/6 |
| Robert J. Wilson IV12/6 |
| Mark E. Allen12/7 |
| James J. Castillo12/7 |
| Susan L. Lonthair12/7 |
| Michelle Velez12/7 |
| Tito M. Batson12/8 |
| Daniel Murphy12/8 |
| Carlos Rodriguez12/8 |
| Edward C. First12/9 |
| Samuel J. Genovese12/9 |
| Thomas A. Luciano12/9 |
| Michael T. Collins12/10 |
| Whitney E. Gill12/10 |
| Barry D. Herbin12/10 |
| John Clinkhammer II12/11 |
| Lillian Sepulveda-Soto12/11 |
| Adam J. DeVincentis12/12 |
| Kevin J. Parks12/12 |
| Joel C. Wittman12/12 |
| William Gallagher III12/13 |

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| Robert E. Mason Jr | 12/13 |
| Patrizia L. Ringer | 12/13 |
| Henry Rivera | 12/14 |
| inda Farnum | 12/16 |
| Jonelle Lang-Stutz | 12/16 |
| Dennis L. Andrews | 12/17 |
| Whitney Celentano | 12/17 |
| Gina Faggiano | 12/17 |
| John R. Fiorica | 12/17 |
| Elizabeth Marsden | 12/18 |
| Steven C. Mitchell | 12/18 |
| Caitlin H. Toomey | 12/18 |
| Tomesha Angelo | 12/19 |
| Otto J. Harnischfeger | 12/19 |
| Tara B. Becker | 12/20 |
| Charles E. Burgoon | 12/20 |
| Walter N. Sanders | 12/20 |
| Daniel Santiago | 12/20 |
| _eo F. Tydings | 12/21 |
| Gregory L. Vasile | 12/21 |
| Daniel Zimmerman | 12/21 |
| Justin J. Trzcinski | 12/22 |
| David L. Giudici | 12/23 |
| Mark J. Lembke | 12/23 |
| Ruben Padilla Jr | 12/24 |
| Joel A. Hasper | 12/25 |
| Γhomas A. Baccanti | 12/27 |
| Ryan J. Fantigrossi | 12/27 |
| Ralph Montinarelli | 12/27 |
| Christopher J. Picha | 12/27 |

| Shawn A. Rice | .12/27 |
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| Melanie A. Sidoti | .12/27 |
| Kristen Trewer | .12/27 |
| Nicholas M. Adams | .12/28 |
| Brandon Gotham | .12/28 |
| Joanne M. Reger | .12/28 |
| Jeannene Semproch | .12/28 |
| Wesley S. Brown | .12/29 |
| Allen H. Potter IV | .12/29 |
| Jonathan Nettnin | .12/30 |
| Mildred Weatherspoon-Ruffin | .12/30 |
| Pamela J. Cook | .12/31 |
| John V. Penkitis | .12/31 |
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DECEMBER SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

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| Frank Alvarado2 | 25 |
| Robert R. Britton2 | 25 |
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